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The IRA Again

THERE is no obvious explanation for the sudden eruption of the Irish Republican Army movement which is manifesting itself in raids across the borders of Northern Ireland. But one may be that members of the IRA, who are essentially opportunists, have decided the events in Hungary are a sufficient excuse to try to arouse sympathy for their own cause.

The great stumbling block to the IRA's aspirations is that the movement no longer enjoys popular support. It is an outlawed army. Its aims have been repudiated by the majority of the people of Ulster, and the resurgence of its activities has brought forth the condemnation of Mr. Costello, the Prime Minister, as well as a warning that the Ulster government will take necessary measures to stop the recalcitrant Republicans from continuing their border raids.

The latest spurt of incidents is irritating rather than ominous. The IRA is in no position to create an all-out civil war. It has become discredited by its own failures in the past which have made recruitment increasingly difficult. The IRA, like the students who earlier this year carried out the raid on the National Gallery, represents what has been described as the fanatic fringe of Irish Republicanism. They can be tantalising, but never sufficiently effective to realise their aims.

There is one striking departure in the latest Ulster incidents from previous IRA "uprisings." Hitherto the IRA has, broadly speaking, attacked only the troops and equipment of what they describe as the alien army; now attention is also being directed at civil objectives. One reason for this, suggested by the Economist, is that there exists an independent IRA in Ulster itself which is not content to abide by the rules of the parent organisation. There are indications also that the IRA has become infuriated because the Catholic youth of Northern Ireland has shown interest in technical courses and jobs in new industries encouraged and subsidised by the Ulster Government. Admittedly these are poor excuses for the current outrages, but then it takes little to goad Irish extremists into giving vent to their spleen.

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Dulles Gives Moscow Free Hand To Deal With Satellite Troubles

UP TO RUSSIA TO PREVENT ANTI-SOVIET HOSTILITY

by ROSS MARK

Washington, Dec. 18. The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, today gave the Soviet Union an extraordinary assurance that the United States would not aggravate Moscow's troubles in rebellious East Europe.

In his first full-scale press conference since his operation for stomach cancer six weeks ago, Mr Dulles used replies to several varied questions to provide the Soviet Union with manoeuvring room for dealing with problems in Hungary, Poland and other fractious sections of East Europe.

United States officials acknowledged later that this was done deliberately as a contribution to easing world tensions.

The action was based on Washington's evaluation of East Europe as a percussion cap which could set off a general war should the Soviet Union be too heavily pushed at the moment.

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PM's Guarantee On US Bases

London, Dec. 18.

Sir Anthony Eden gave an assurance in the House of Commons today that military bases would continue to be available in Britain for American forces.

Work To Begin On New Oil Pipeline

Paris, Dec. 18.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, told the National Assembly today that Israel will begin building a pipeline from the Gulf of Akaba to the Mediterranean within a few weeks.

The Radical ex-Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, asked: "With French participation?"

M. Pineau did not say anything in reply, but nodded. M. Mendes-France said: "I am happy at this confirmation."

The proposed pipeline will run 160 miles across Israeli territory. It was reported from Tel-Aviv last month that a French firm had completed plans for the £30 million project. It would take about 18 months to complete and payment would be by long-term easy credit.—Reuter.

He also asked for an assurance that the American forces here would have the amenities "and be treated with the courtesy due the representatives of a great ally."

To all these questions Sir Anthony Eden replied: "Yes."

The other Conservative point of view was put by Lord Hinchliffe, one of 15 Conservatives who "rebelled" against the Government's decision to withdraw from the Suez.

He suggested there would be no need for the United States strategic air arm to remain in Britain once Britain's own hydrogen bomb had been supplied to the Royal Air Force.

Sir Anthony Eden did not reply to this.—Reuter.

FRENCH LEAVE PORT FUAD

Paris, Dec. 18.

The major part of the French contingent in Egypt left Port Fuad today. The sector occupied by the French forces remains under guard of the remaining French units who will leave only with the departure of the last Allied detachments in the Suez Canal zone.

Four ships, including the international troops were constantly attacked by Egyptian snipers.

Since the exchange of prisoners could not be effected through the intermediary of the United Nations Commander, General E. L. M. Burns, 127 Egyptian prisoners, including seven officers, left with the French troops.

The Port Fuad sector remained calm during the last few days, although in Port Said, on the other side of the canal, British forces and United Nations

'Loud Cheers' For Eden

By FRASER WIGHTON

London, Dec. 18.

Sir Anthony Eden withstood a nerve-testing ordeal here tonight when he met his parliamentary supporters privately for the first time since his return from his Jamaican rest-cure.

Descriptions afterwards of the reception given from the Prime Minister varied from "polite" to "not very enthusiastic" though it was widely agreed his speech reviewing the events of the Middle East crisis was well received.

An official statement later said: "At the conclusion of the meeting he was loudly cheered."

No Fresh Trouble

Tonight's meeting apparently brought no fresh trouble from the right-wing "Suez group" who two years ago opposed evacuation of the Canal Zone base, and who in the present crisis have demanded a strong line with Egypt's President Nasser.

According to usually well informed sources, the Prime Minister reviewed the Middle East crisis, including its climax in the Anglo-French armed intervention in Egypt, and reiterated the government's claim that it was justified in its action.

The sources added that the Prime Minister also claimed that the Cabinet was united throughout the crisis.

Majority Support

Some sources, summing up afterwards, said it was clear he has the support of an indisputable majority of his adherents.

And the minority which shows signs of dissatisfaction agrees with the rest that he will command far more support in the Conservative Party throughout the country—as well as in Parliament—than any other government minister.

—China Mail Special.

Nehru Praises Ike

Washington, Dec. 18.

Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, said in a nation-wide television and radio speech tonight he had "greatly profited" by his talks with President Eisenhower over this week.

He said in his prepared remarks that he would treasure the memory of these talks, which would help him in many ways in his thinking.

He described President Eisenhower as a man "whose humanity and whose distinguished and devoted services to the cause of people have won for him a unique place among the statesmen of the world."

Resist Tragedies

He said in recent crises the world had witnessed grievous transgressions of moral standards and that during this period of anxiety and distress "the United States has added greatly to its prestige by upholding worthy principles of the United Nations."

Mr. Nehru said the Middle East and Hungarian crises had demonstrated that "the most powerful countries cannot resort to old colonial methods or impose their domination over weak countries."

"World opinion has shown that it can organise itself to resist such tragedies."

"Perhaps, as an outcome of these tragedies, freedom will be enlarged and will have a more assured basis."—Reuter.

No Bases For Britain

Colombo, Dec. 18.

The Ceylon Prime Minister, Mr. Solomon Bandaranaike, told the House of Representatives tonight he had no intention of granting any facilities to Britain at naval and air bases in Ceylon "at any time of hostilities."—Reuter.

Two Children Killed

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

Police said today two children were killed and seven others were injured when the roof of a toy shop selling windmills in Hidemoto, Yokohama, collapsed under the weight of snowfall. Following about 10 children were playing in the stadium at the time.

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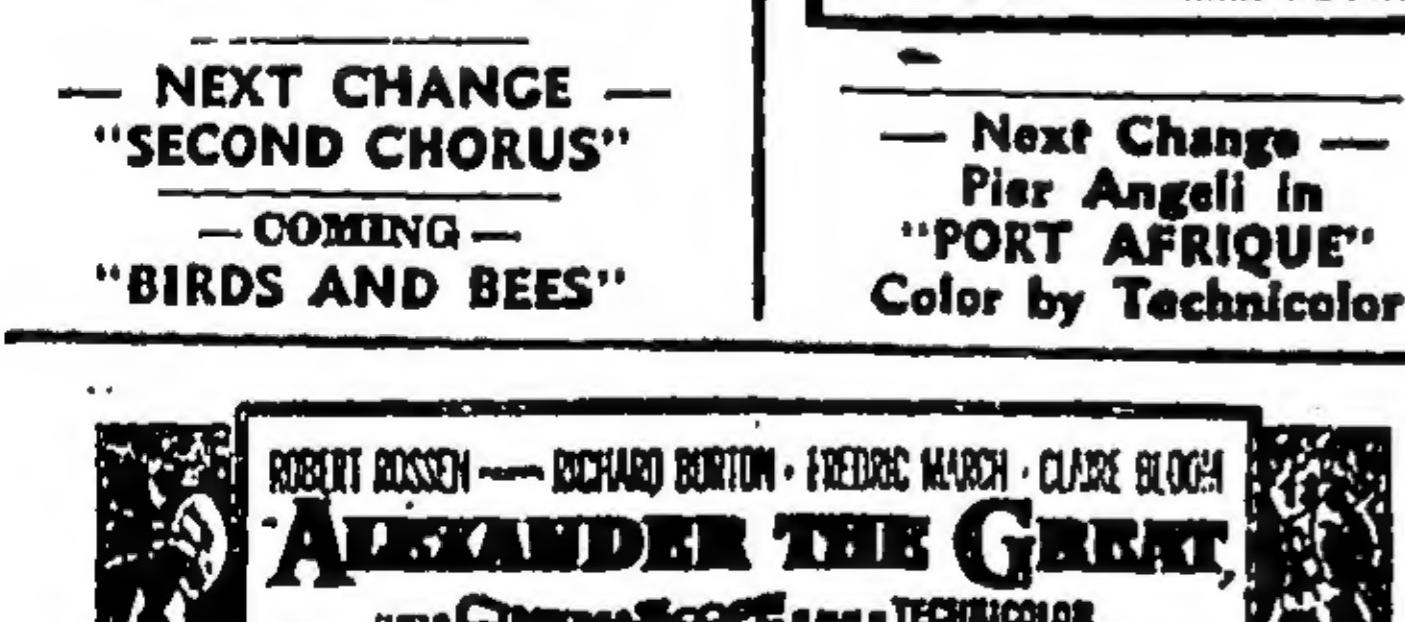
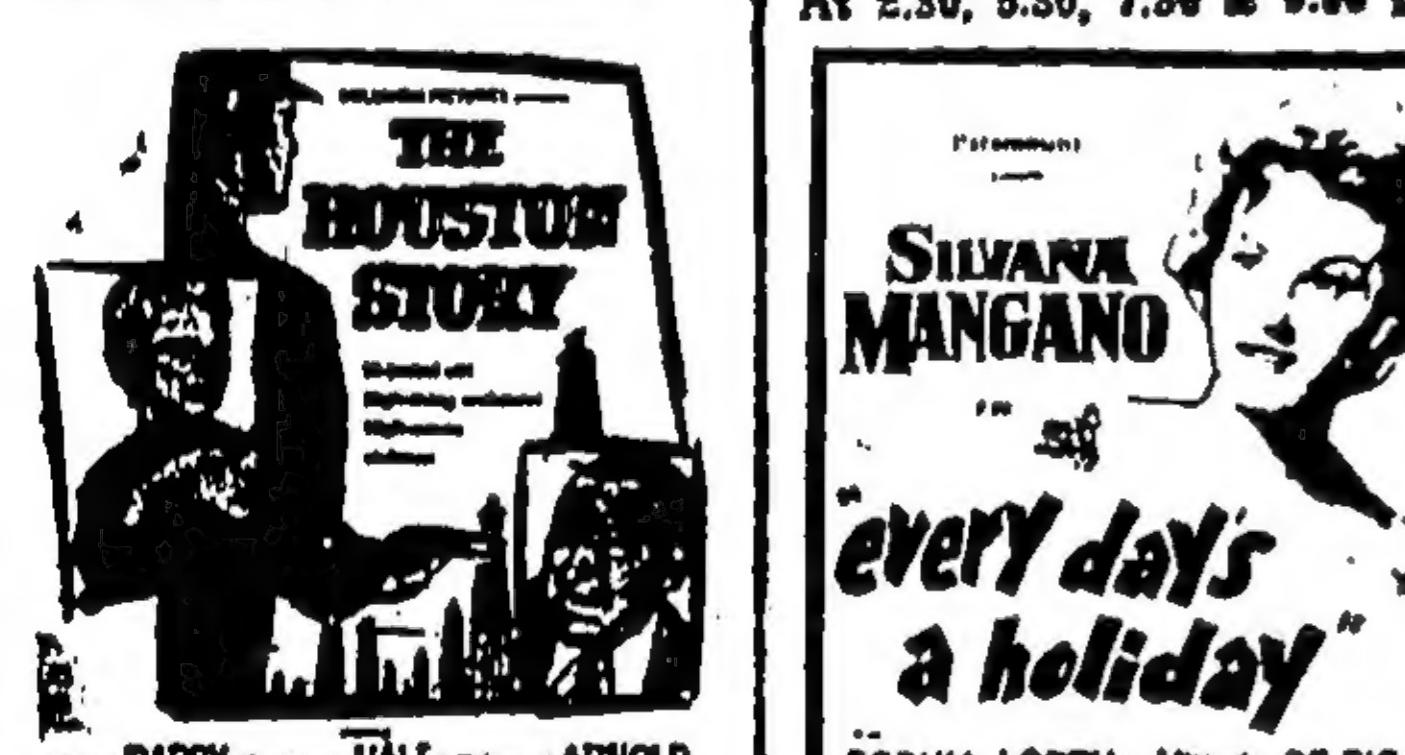
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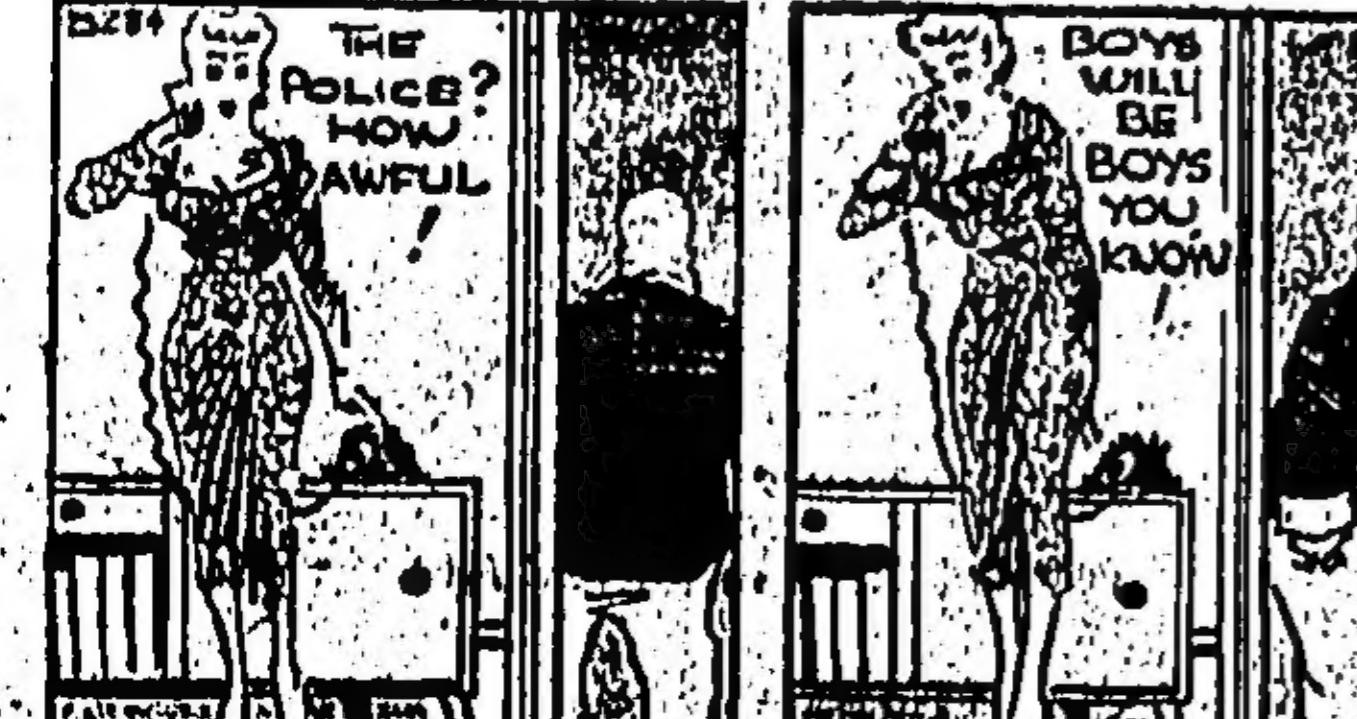
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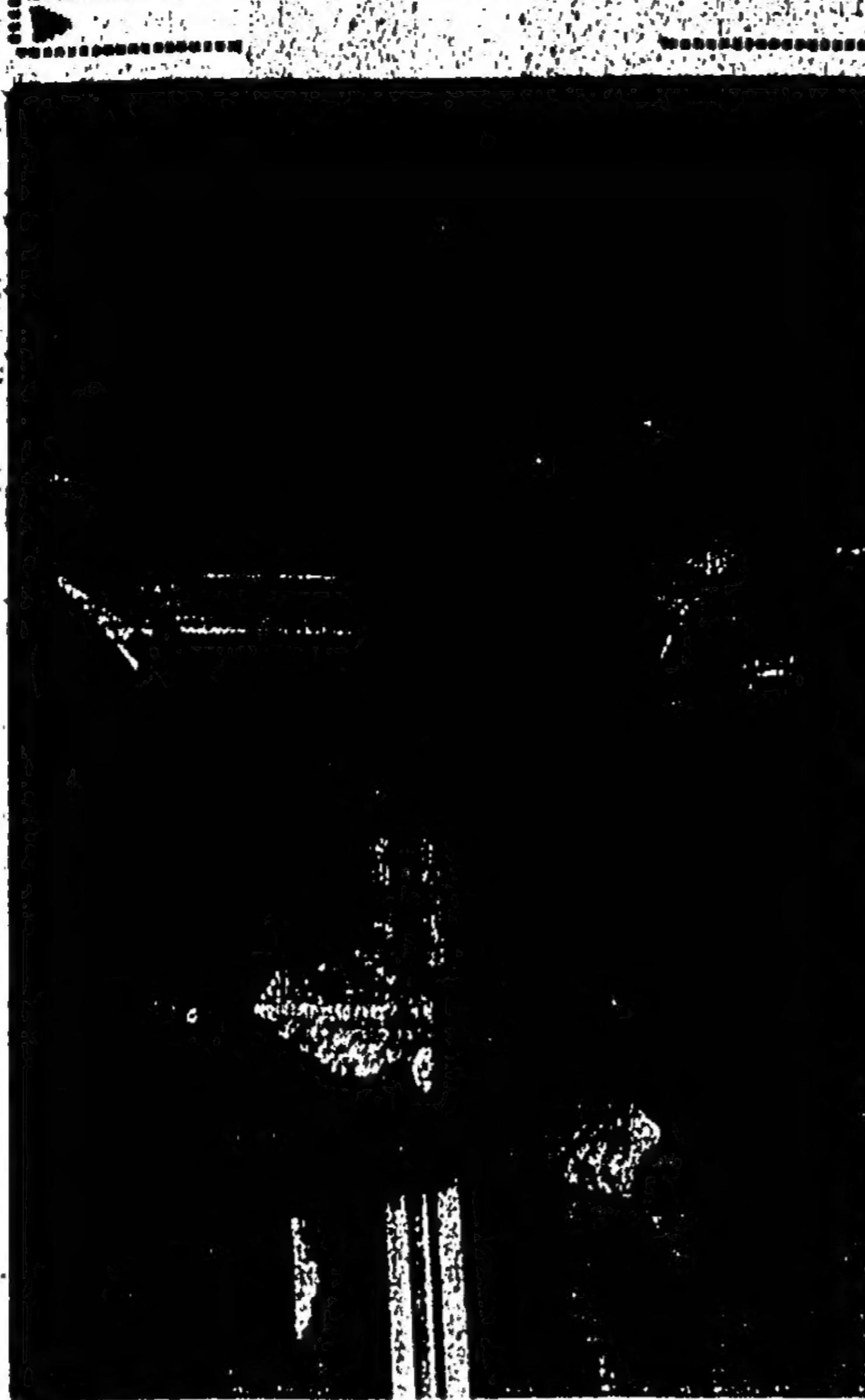
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COMMONWEALTH BEHIND BRITAIN ON SUEZ POLICY

—Emanuel Shinwell

San Francisco, Dec. 18.

Emanuel Shinwell, former British Labour Government Minister of Defence, said today Commonwealth nations were "one hundred per cent" behind Britain's Suez policy.

Shinwell on his way home after attending a meeting of Commonwealth Parliament Association in Australia representing Parliaments of the Commonwealth nations.

The 72-year-old Labour Party leader told a news conference at the British Consulate here that Commonwealth leaders were "disturbed" by the failure of the United Nations and the United States to back up the British-French action against Egypt.

Back With Strength

"Moral force is all right, but sometimes you have to back it with strength," he said. "The action of the United Kingdom and France had the effect of galvanising the United Nations into some semblance of action, and it was about time."

Shinwell himself said he had condemned the past British policy "of trusting the Arab states."

"But in the absence of any effective action by the United Nations against Nasser's seizure of Suez, it seems to me the decision to go in was justified."

He added that "firm action" was needed by the UN to preserve the shaky peace in the Middle East and avert a "calamity."

He said the "pass is dead. Mistakes have been made. But we must look to the future." He urged that the UN stop "shilly-shallying" in the Middle East.

Quite Clear

"The United Nations backed by its powerful members must make it quite clear to Nasser that the occasion might arise where it might need to make use of power," he said.

"If words don't work, it must be ready to use strength." —United Press.

1,000 Bombers Fly Non-Stop Missions

Denver, Dec. 18. General Nathan Twining, Chief-of-Staff of the American Air Force, said today that during the last two weeks, more than a thousand B-45 medium jet-bombers had flown non-stop missions of an average of 8,000 miles each day re-fuelling in mid-air.

Speaking to air cadets, the General said this was the first time the American Strategic Air Force had carried out such an extensive testing of its operational capabilities in such a short time.

The B-45 has a top speed of more than 600 miles an hour and its normal range is 3,000 miles. —France-Press.

Rebels Ambush French Patrol

Algiers, Dec. 18. Three French soldiers were killed and four were wounded today when Algerian rebels ambushed a French patrol at Douar Mokra, some 12 miles east of Palestro. The French forces killed one rebel and wounded several others.

Ten Algerian rebels made their way early this morning into the Elida gao and released a recently arrested rebel. The rebels were aided by a Moslem guard, who opened the door to them. The Moslem guard was shot dead by the French police attempting to foil the gao break, but the 10 rebels and the prisoner managed to escape. —France-Press.

Furthermore it was learned here that a number of Tibetan chieftains, now visiting Kathmandu on a pilgrimage, are trying to buy property in or near Kathmandu. —France-Press.

On the other hand, the Dalai Lama has ordered the building of a monastery near Kathmandu, large enough to lodge a hundred lamas, within the next six months; the Dalai Lama's personal representative, Lama Guru Deva, announced today.

The Dalai Lama has sent funds for the construction of the lama.

In addition, Lama Karmapa,



MR SHINWELL

Backwardness A Danger To Africa & Asia

Rangoon, Dec. 18.

The Chinese Prime Minister, Chou En-lai, who is here on an official visit told Burmese university students today that economic and cultural backwardness had endangered the independence of Asian and African countries.

Mr Chou who was making a speech at Rangoon University frequently stressed the need for Asian and African nations to maintain their unity, in the face of what he called "colonial aggression."

The Asian-African countries, Mr Chou said, should work to remove economic and cultural backwardness.

Mr Chou said "an overwhelming majority of us Asian-African countries, including China and Burma are relatively backward economically and culturally. It was by exploiting and intensifying our backwardness that the colonialists were able to bully, oppress and commit aggression against us in the past."

Trained Personnel

"However, trained personnel for our construction work are still far from enough," Mr Chou said.

Burma and China shared the common desire to maintain world peace and to promote international friendship. Both countries placed high hopes on their youth. —Reuter.

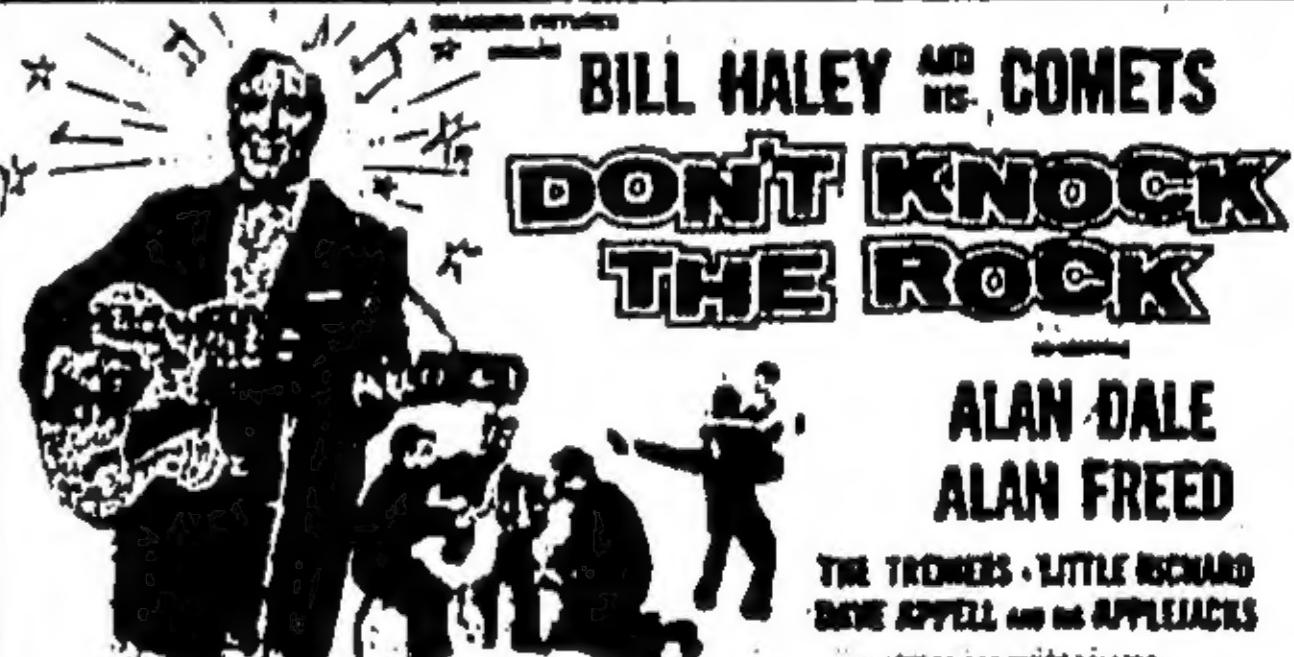
PI Medal For Korean

Manila, Dec. 18. General Chung Il Kwon, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Republic of Korea, was awarded the Philippine Legion of Honour (degree of commander) for his great concern for the Filipino expeditionary forces to Korea during the Korean War.

Lieutenant-General Jesus Vargas, the Philippines Chief of Staff, awarded the medal to the Korean General during a parade and review given in honour of the visiting official. —Reuter.

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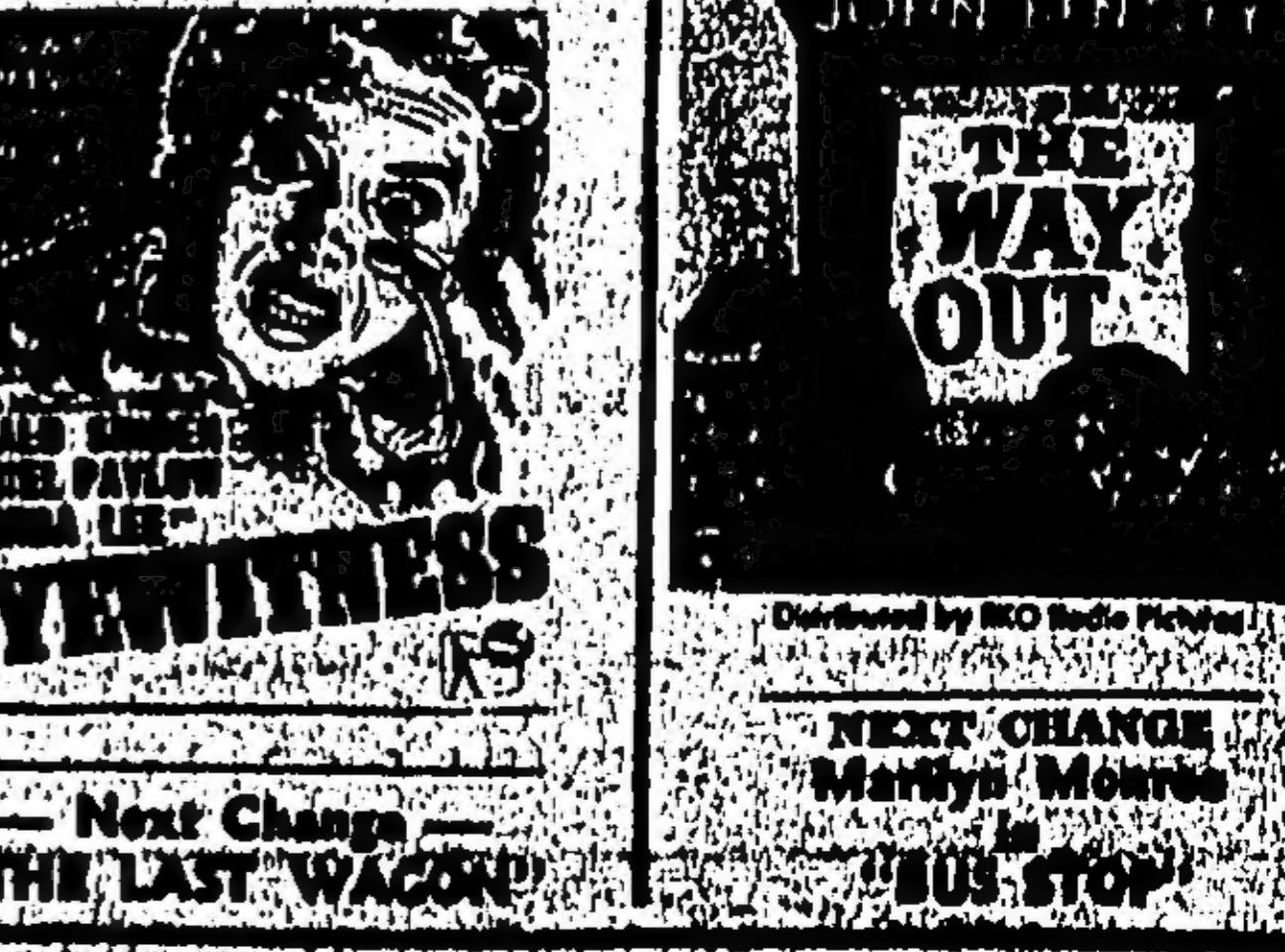
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Collective Security Needed In Middle East

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Karachi, Dec. 18.

Pakistan's Premier, Hussein Suhrawardy, said today that the only way to ensure peace in the Middle East was through collective security.

GRADUATES RETURN TO CHINA

Paris, Dec. 18. Four more post-graduates returned to Canton from the United States via Hongkong on Saturday, the New China News Agency reported tonight.

The United States immigration office had tried to prevent them from leaving the United States for home, they said on their arrival in Canton, the agency reported.

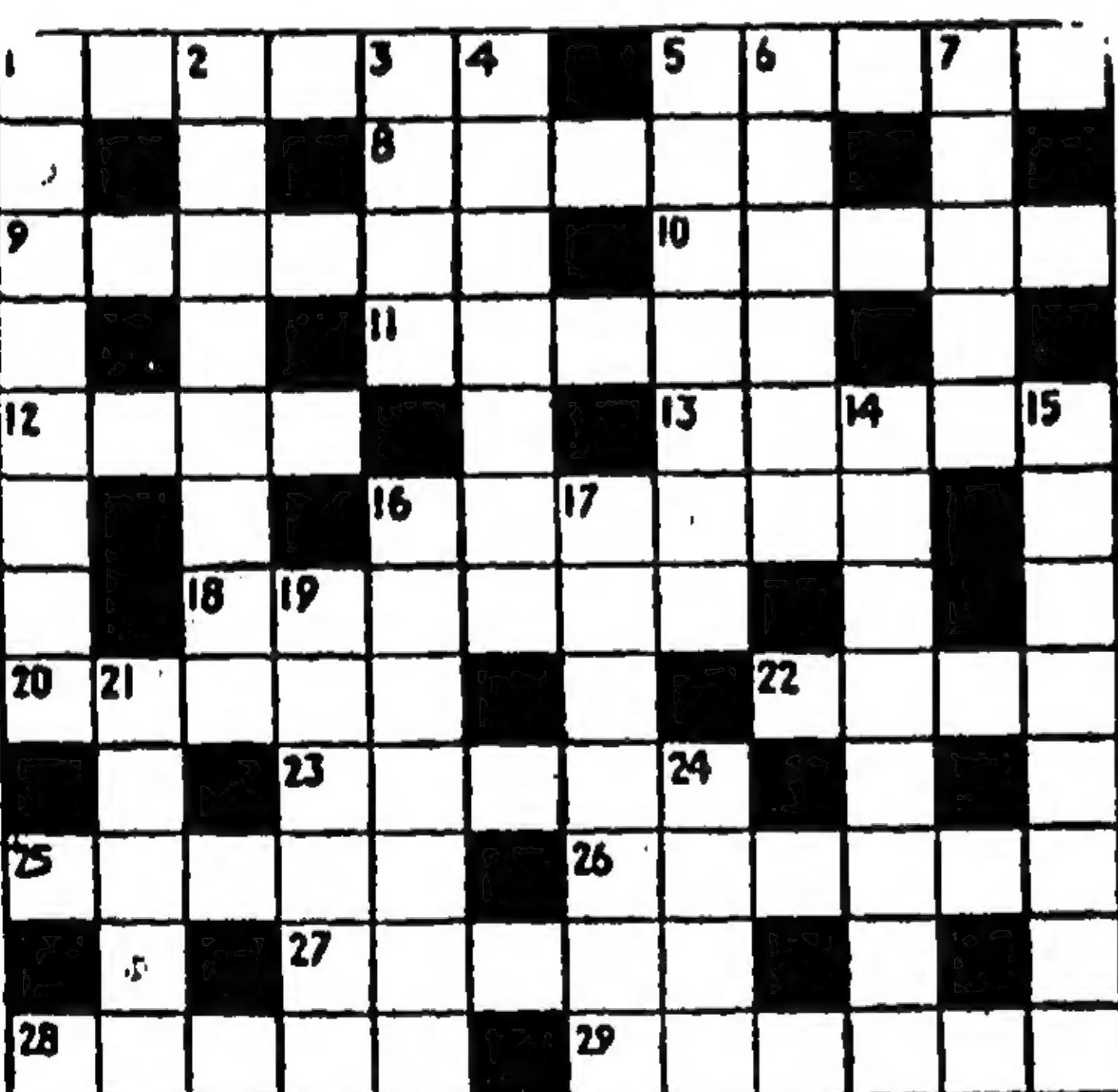
Their first impression upon returning to their motherland, they said, was that all the way from Shumehan to Canton, they were warmly received.

The four graduates were Dr Kao Lien-pet (Physics), Dr Hsu Chi-kung (Chemistry), Dr Li Cheng-ji (Botany) and his wife Dr Shen Shu-chin, MD (Pediatrics), the agency added.—France-Presse

Leaflet Raid

Taipei, Dec. 18. Several waves of Nationalist Chinese planes flew over China today and dropped several million leaflets, the Nationalist Air Force headquarters said tonight. The mission covered the five coastal provinces and all the planes returned safely this morning, the statement said.—France-Presse

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Al fresco meal (6).
- Urge (5).
- Small fishing-boat (5).
- Dwindles (6).
- Wand off (6).
- Weight (5).
- Black (4).
- Commonplace (5).
- Value highly (6).
- Delighted (6).
- Ventures (6).
- In time, you'll tumble to this one (4).
- Census (6).
- Divert (5).
- Uproar (6).
- Command (5).
- Severe (5).
- Protect (6).

DOWN

- Purloined (8).
- One who never inclines to the Left? (8).
- Froze (4).
- Fight? (7).
- Put in the ground (7).
- Venerate (6).
- Walk pompously (5).
- Not ripe (6).
- Rivalled (8).
- Oriental (7).
- Enticed (7).
- Landlord (6).
- Own up (6).
- Certain (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Dollar, 5 Reads, 8 Vice, 9 Fries, 11 Vista, 12 Deride, 14 Brag, 16 Satan, 18 Crass, 19 Less, 20 Unused, 24 Swarm, 25 Direct, 26 Ever, 27 Dined, 28 Defray. Down: 1 Dupo, 2 Lald, 3 Aver, 4 Ridng, 5 Reverse, 6 Assists, 7 Stamina, 10 Scars, 13 Accused, 14 Bar-gain, 16 Assumed, 17 Asteg, 19 Lauded, 21 Siro, 22 Dear, 23 Stay.

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Nixon Dines Nehru

Washington, Dec. 18. United States Vice-President and Mrs Nixon gave a luncheon today in honour of the Indian Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, and his daughter, Indira Gandhi.

After the luncheon, Mr Nixon was due to fly from Washington to Vienna. It was not known whether Mr Nehru would have another meeting with President Eisenhower during the afternoon at the White House.

Speaking at a press conference marking the publication of a report on foreign aid, Suhrawardy said that Pakistan had received \$675,564,000 as economic aid from all sources.

Fairly Substantial

As for military aid, the Premier said that for obvious political and security reasons he could not divulge the amount received from the United States, but that it was "fairly substantial."

Suhrawardy gave a solemn assurance that the aid received would never be used for aggressive purposes, either against India or any other neighbour, with all of whom Pakistan was anxious to co-operate.

The Prime Minister added: "I propose to abide by this undertaking and I will demonstrate that my word is bond. But certainly we shall use these weapons if aggression is committed against us."

Pakistan's aim was to secure agreement, sanctioned by the United Nations Charter and included in the 10 principles of the Bandung conference he said.—France-Presse & China Mail Special.

Influenza Inoculation In Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 18. Tokyo Metropolitan Government was today preparing preventive inoculations for 30,000 school children and 200,000 children under school age against an influenza epidemic still rampant in Tokyo and Central Japan.

The vaccine was a mixture of A and B types and will be injected under the skin.

No harmful after effects were expected.

Twelve more schools closed today bringing the total number of the schools closed to 20.

60,000 ABSENT

About 60,000 school children were absent from school.

The Welfare Ministry instructed all prefectural governments to take effective measures to stop further spreading of the epidemic.

In a previous epidemic of influenza in 1953 the death toll mounted to 2,600 out of 90,000 patients.—Reuter.

Support For Bigger Security Council

New York, Dec. 18. Two Commonwealth members of the United Nations, Australia and Canada, today strongly supported the proposal to expand the 11-nation Security Council by adding two non-permanent seats.

Sir Percy Spender of Australia and Mr Roche Pinard of Canada both stressed to the General Assembly the need to give Asia and Western Europe more adequate representation on the Council by giving the two additional seats to those areas.

The Assembly has before it a resolution from 19 Latin American countries and Spain calling for the enlargement of the Council. The Soviet Union yesterday it would not accept any changes unless China was admitted to the world organisation.—Reuter.

BELFORT, Dec. 18. THE Lebanese Government has informed Syria and Jordan she will have to cut off all oil supplies exported from here to those two countries after January 10 next, according to informed sources here.

The cut will result from the fact that stocks of crude oil stored in tanks at the Iraq-American Petroleum Company (IPC) refinery at Tripoli will be exhausted by that date and because tanks of crude oil at the pipeline terminal at Sidon will be sufficient only for Lebanon.

Since the blowing up of three pumping stations in Syria last month no oil has flowed from Iraq opposite to the Lebanon-Turkey border of IPC at Tripoli and Sidon.

The three pumping stations



This Russian Su 100 self-propelled gun, Czech-built to Russian design and captured from the Egyptians by British forces in the Suez zone, is on display at the British Army Vehicle Depot in Feltham, Middlesex.—Express Photo.

IRA FLOUTING GOVERNMENT Premier's Charge

Dublin, Dec. 18. Mr John Costello, Prime Minister of the Republic, declared tonight that the Irish Republican Army had flouted the authority of Parliament and government.

He said this in a letter to Mr John McQuillan, an independent member of the Dail (Parliament).

Mr Costello was replying to a telegram from Mr McQuillan urging him to discontinue the use of troops and police as instruments of British policy in helping to maintain partition.

In his letter, Mr Costello said Mr McQuillan had completely misconceived the Government's position and his assessment of partition and the recent incidents was diametrically opposed to that of the Government.

Unlawful Use

The Prime Minister wrote: "The organisation which is responsible for the unlawful use of armed force has arrogated to itself the determination of policy as to the means that should be adopted to bring partition to an end and has defied the authority of the Dail to withhold its assent to the engagement in war."

"The activities of that organisation contravene the constitutional position which vests in Parliament alone the right to raise and maintain armed forces and are contrary not only to the principles of democracy but to the moral law as well."

"The authority of Parliament and the Government has been flouted."

"The military and police forces are not being used as instruments of British policy in helping to maintain partition but for the far different purpose of safeguarding the institutions of the State and preventing the usurpations of the people's right to decide questions of national policy."

No real solution of partition could be found by force, Mr Costello said. Forces could only deepen the division of feeling between North and South.

Create Bitterness

The use of force would create bitterness and resentment, would poison the national life and would delay, and not advance, the day of national reunion.

The Prime Minister added: "I trust that you will appreciate the magnitude of the evil that could ensue if any elected representative of the people were to lend his support to activities based on defiance of the democratic institutions of the state."—China Mail Special.

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Captured Equipment

London, Dec. 18. Lord Reading, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, confirmed today in the House of Lords that nothing has changed regarding the annual British subsidy to Jordan of more than £10,000,000.

Russia Still Supplying Arms To Egypt

Tel Aviv, Dec. 18. The Soviet Union is continuing to deliver arms to Egypt, authoritative Israeli sources said today.

The sources were commenting on "violations" of United Nations resolutions on the Middle East, including the one calling for an end of arms deliveries to belligerents, and another banning the incursions of fedayeen (death commandos) across the Israeli border.

The sources considered that United Nations international police forces should remain in the Sinai desert until Egypt and Israel have reached a permanent peace settlement.—Lord Reading said.

One million pounds have already been paid out of the £1,000,000 scheduled for the maintenance of the Jordan Arab Legion. The amount of the subsidy for defence for the present year has not yet been determined, but Britain nevertheless made monthly payments based on the £8,108,000 allocated last year, Lord Reading said.—France-Presse.

Rakosi Accused Of Imprisoning Innocent People

Budapest, Dec. 18. The official Hungarian Communist newspaper Nepszabadsag today accused the party's former leader, Matyas Rakosi, of joint responsibility for the imprisonment of thousands of innocent people in the past.

The newspaper said that Rakosi took over power supervision of the former State security police (AVH) and a "leading triumvir" was developing which carried out most sinister orders without hesitation.

The newspaper said that a special department of the AVH was set up under Vladimir Rakosi and one of its first "military actions" was the preparation for the trial of Leopold Feher, former Hungarian Foreign Minister executed for "treason" in 1949.

The newspaper said that rehabilitation trials revealed that

cross-examination in the Rakosi trial were conducted personally by Mihail Turcsak—then Interior Minister—and the father of Vladimir—and Gabor Peter (former police chief subsequently killed) under the directives of Rakosi.

"Only a few dozen people knew the secret of evidence given following horrible tortures," the newspaper said.

It added that Rakosi and AVH leaders also shared great responsibility for using the State security apparatus to persecute Communists instead of annihilating the real enemy.

The newspaper added: "It is evident now that counter-revolutionary forces carried on large-scale organisation work before October 23 (when the Hungarian rising broke out). Did the AVH know about it?"

The newspaper asked.

General Hatred

It said that several hundred AVH men had committed crimes and in the course of revolution had exploited this to kill thousands, tortured many

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those who participated in the revolution.

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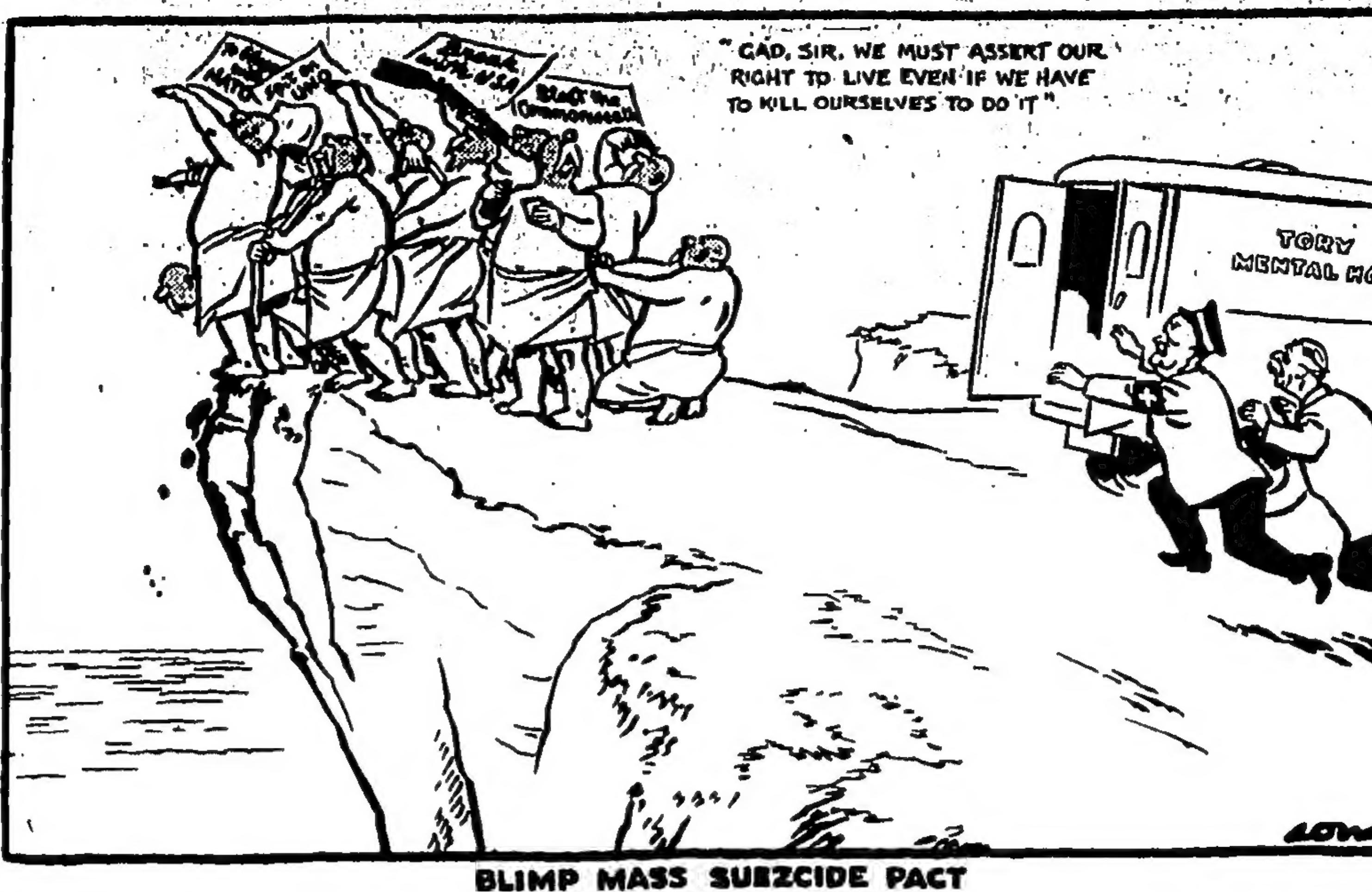
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IF IT ISN'T MERRIE ENGLAND, IT ISN'T HAPPY AMERICA, EITHER

THE VIEW FROM NEW YORK OF
BRITAIN'S PULL-OUT OF SUEZ

THREE'S a long sigh of relief in America now that the British and French will withdraw their troops from Egypt. There is also a sense of uneasiness.

I was at a party given by Cecil Beaton. Among the guests were several prominent Americans, including Sir Anthony Eden's host, John Barry Ryan Junior, who left the Prime Minister his Newport house three years ago after the Boston operation.

One American woman, who had just flown back from Paris, said: 'I can't get out of my head the feeling that the United States has let Britain and France down badly.'

Another American handed me a clipping from the New York Herald Tribune of a letter signed by David Guthrie.

The letter said: 'Ever since General Eisenhower was elected President in 1952, I have been trying to understand the foreign policy of his Administration. At long last the fog has cleared and I'm enabled to see it in its full glory.'

The truth

'It has been to send his henchman Dulles scurrying about the globe with a bag of gold in one hand, to placate Freedom's enemies (Nasser and company), and a bludgeon in the other, with which to hit Freedom's friends (Great Britain, France, Australia, and New Zealand) over the head.'

'The first part of this policy has been an abysmal failure. The second has been sadly and singularly effective.'

'I may add that I voted the straight Republican "ticket" in 1952, 1954, and 1956.'

'The truth is that although the State Department has triumphed and had its way and will with Britain and France, many Americans are not happy about the humiliation imposed upon us.'

'Several people have said to me: "This is not the way to treat old friends."

Others are surprised to learn that the United States intends to charge us for the oil it is sending.

Today a State Department official told me, almost airily, 'Sir Anthony Eden has squandered his personal credit with President Eisenhower.' He went on to suggest that the American Administration would be happier to do business with a newly-constituted Conservative Government in London.

Mr Dulles himself is looking extraordinarily fit after a major operation. If he is aware of the criti-

'Outwardly it would be through the United Nations, as the Eisenhower emphasis is now on the peace organisation; but the heart of the matter will be unilateral and stamped U.S.A.'

The friendly and generous American people are clearly uneasy about the new look in American policy.

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'And suppose Britain kept us in taking the matter to the United Nations. And then suppose Britain actually resorted to economic aid to Colonel Nasser, the Russian-armed despot whose hands were close to our throat.'

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immense among the Asians and Africans and, of course, the Arabs as a result of its action in compelling Britain and France to withdraw their troops from Egypt and by publicly censuring them in the United Nations.'

My information is that we can expect American action soon to achieve a settlement in the Middle East.

'Things have not turned out as forecast. There was to be peace but instead there is an atmosphere of war.'

The stock market was to go up but it has gone down; business was to boom, but it is flagging; the whole nation was to be exultant at the President's triumph, but instead it is jittery, racked with tension, and stricken with a sense of guilt at what it has done or failed to do for Britain and France.'

'It may not be merry England over there but it is unhappy America here.'

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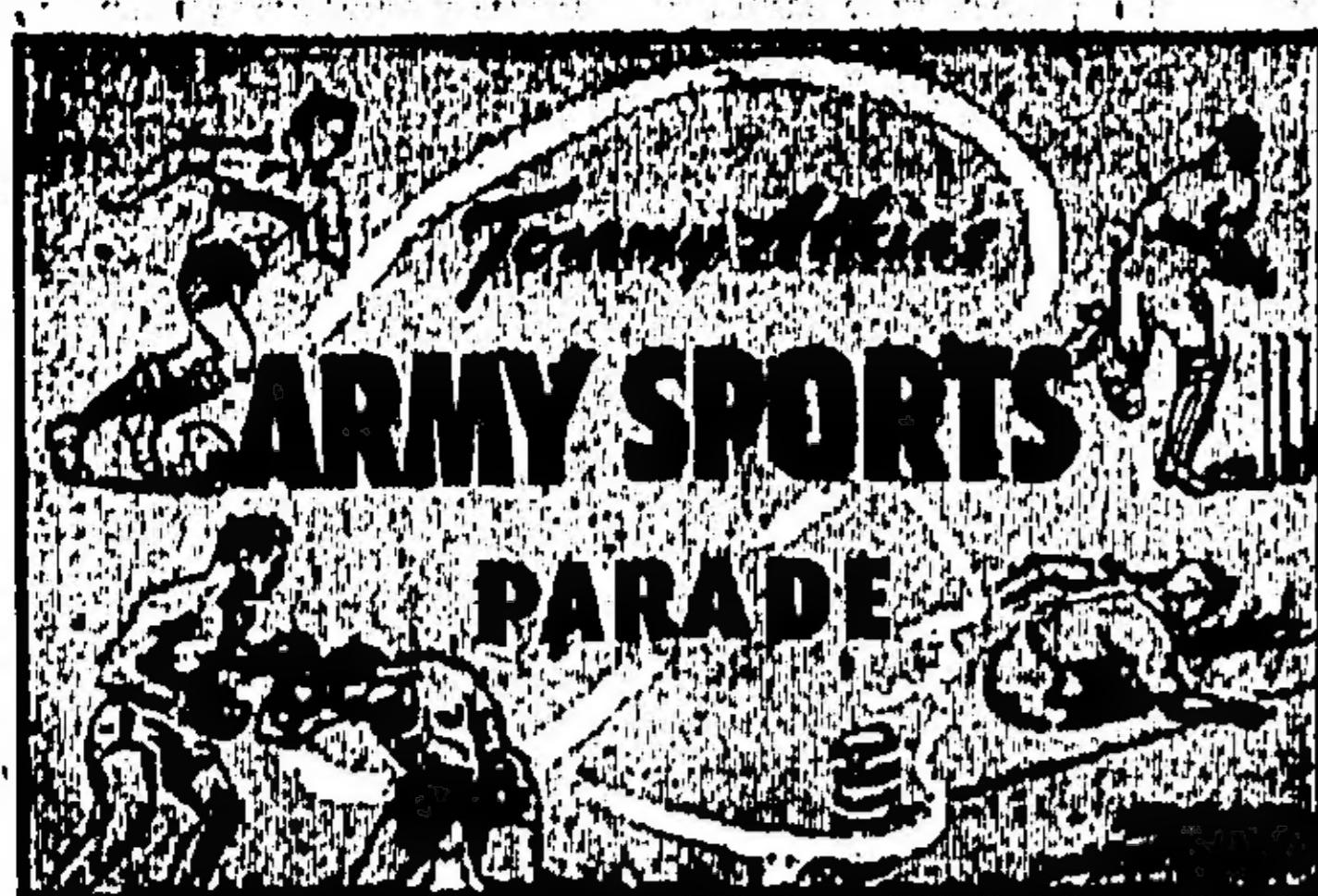
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The spot of honour this week goes to L/Cpl. Bill Smith, 1 Northampton Regt., for tackling a very useful boy in George Johnson of the United States Ship "Essex" over three rounds at the Southorn Playground last Friday evening and, showing a spirit of pluck and determination that we admire so much in the Service, gaining a popular and deserved victory over this obviously experienced boxer.

A little of the praise should be reserved for the large party of spectators from his regiment who came all the way from Faullon to cheer him on. Their journey certainly was not wasted and cheer him on they did, I feel sure the local residents wondered what was going on from the noise raised.

It was particularly pleasing to see this unit spirit in sport. Unfortunately it has, over the last few years, almost disappeared and its re-emergence is long overdue. Much encouragement can be given by unit NCOs and it is hoped that the example of the Northamptons will be followed by other units.

Well, Captain Jim Gillette did it again. His matching of this second monthly meeting of the HKABA gave general satisfaction to all.

Differing from other sports writers I rated the Smith-Johnson bout, mentioned above, the best of the evening, and probably Smith's toughest contest in the Colony. Both boxed and fought well and each round was full of action. For me the pace was fast and their footwork excellent.

MOMENTS...

Captain Brian Hancock now have had moments during his bout with Cpl. George Hanlon when he wondered whether his poor record of no defeats in the Army was not in danger. The Corporal put up a determined resistance and by fast and clever boxing brought out the best in the FAIRF Champs.

Brian was not as fit as he might be and in the closing stages his opponent frequently beat him to the punch.

Hanlon, however, stopped a Hancock special in the middle of the third round and took eight to work things out, and from this stage Brian took over and, I felt, just earned the decision of the judges in his favour.

The Henry Wong-Csu, Burke bout did not come up to expectations. Boxing was forgotten and the prime object of each seemed to be hit the other as hard as possible. Seldom have I seen so many vicious swings miss their mark. Both were tiring by the third, although Burke appeared to be much the fitter. My note at the end read: "Another round and Burke would have won. The judges felt otherwise, however, and gave the decision to the soldier."

A southpaw, the REME boy has a nice boxing style and will be around when the Army lightweight finals come off.

A hurricane hovering over the Stadium descended when the first gong sounded in the Speedy Morales-Pie, Scott affair. Thank heavens the seconds had removed the stools. These two bantams got very mixed up, and while science was conspicuously absent, action with a capital "A" was in the order of things. Speedy wasn't by the end of the third round, but there was little doubt of his superiority and he received the verdict.

A HANDFUL

Corporal Rogers gave six pounds to Seaman Melvin Carter, USN, and found he had picked himself up more than a handful. The American was most difficult to pin down. His crouching style, whilst not pleasing to watch, was most effective and I strongly suspect that some of his hitting was with the open glove. He was, however, too good for the soldier and after three very good rounds he was declared the winner.

The Artillery were in a hurry to get home and L/Bdr. Dicken-son and Gnr. McMenami very rapidly polished off SAC Duvall and Spr. Harl, while Pte. Mann, after the record for the quickest knockout, took only 40 seconds to erase the former India-rubber man, Gnr. Greenham.

A CERTAINTY???

Is there such a thing as a certainty in football? It seemed the Army thought so and for their game against Club on Saturday experimented rather drastically with the team.

That the experiment failed was confirmed by the surprise result. The Club had full value for this sell-draw, and in fact led Army on two occasions.

Forward on the now "B" line of Headquarters, Hurst and Hornblades never clicked and the old brigade of Martin and Bowring constitutes the main danger to the home side, although Hurst looked very promising. The halves played well, particularly Jones who had more

A Finney-Matthews Right Wing? We May Yet See It

Says JAMES CONNOLLY

England soccer bosses are seriously considering the most intriguing experiment of post-war international football.....a Tom Finney-Stan Matthews right wing.

The matter was discussed before the team was picked for the Danish match. What a pity they didn't try it out then!

MCC And Natal In First Drawn Match Of Tour

DURBAN, Dec. 18. The MCC, 307 and 150 for seven declared, took the honours of a drawn match against Natal's 209 and 90 for seven here today in the first draw of the tour.

When the MCC declared soon after lunch Natal had two hours fifty minutes to get 249 runs for victory but were fighting an uphill battle from the start.

The MCC almost forced a win but were finally held up by a stubborn eighth wicket pair that remained unbeaten after putting on 35 runs.

In the morning scoring was somewhat slow as the MCC lost three wickets before lunch, adding 78 runs to their overnight score of 53 for three.

Peter May was caught after scoring a single but Tony Lock (22) and Colin Cowdrey (32) hit well. Fifteen runs were added in half an hour after lunch for the loss of another wicket.

Soon afterwards May declared with 116, not out, 33, the top scorer of the innings.

Perhaps Natal were lucky that the eighth wicket pair held out because there was doubt whether Goldard, with an injured chin, would be able to hit the ball. Peter May, with an injured finger, both had substitutes in the field at the end of the MCC's innings.

Within a short time of starting their bid, Natal were in trouble against the pace of Tyson and Leader, three wickets falling for nine runs. By the time the total reached 25 two more men were out and Natal's position was desperate.

Lock now joined in the attack and got among the wickets. With seven down for 58 there were still 11 signs of an MCC win but against stubborn Watkins and Martham, both of whom hit well when chance offered, defeat was averted and they were still there when stumps were finally drawn. Watkins 35 not out.

—China Mail Special.

Swaps Named Horse Of The Year By Sports Writers

Baltimore, Dec. 18. Swaps, son of the British-bred Kuhle, was today named racing's horse of the year in the 21st annual poll conducted by the magazine Turf and Sport Digest.

Holder of five world records, Swaps was picked by 78 of the 140 sports writers and commentators who took part in the poll.

Owned by Rex C. Ellsworth, Swaps (Khaled Iron Reward, by the British-bred Beau Pere) was also picked as the best horse among four-year-olds and over.

For that he was awarded 314 points on a basis of 3-2-1 for first, second and third places.

Nashua, by the Irish-bred Nasrullah, was second in the poll and also in the placings of four-year-olds and over, for which he gained 291 points.

In the Rugby Football Army Cup the semi-final stage has been reached and 7 Hussars do battle with the holders, 74 LAA Rgt. RA, and 24 Field Engineer Rgt. RE opposite 27 HAA Rgt.

Both games are very open indeed, and predicting the winners is no easy matter.

On the principle that these trophies are meant to go round, I will plump for the Cavalry to charge over the Gunners, and to keep the Gunners happy, to drop Major Goodall let it be added that he is unable to play on that date.

Departing from custom the HKAAs Open Athletic Meeting to be held at Caroline Hill on Sunday, December 23, will commence at 10.00 hrs with the usual full track and field events. This will give competitors a chance to have lunch and the authorities opportunity to try out their floodlights.

Hockey secretaries are reminded that entries for the Minor Units knockout competition close today. Entries should be addressed to Major A. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Army Hockey Association, at 6 COD. It is hoped to start this off on January 5th.

To all sportsmen both service and civilian, this column offers you best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a prosperous and sporting success New Year.

At cricket the Gurkhas replied to the 74 LAA Rgt's total of 182 with 133 for five and in doing so disposed of the last Gurkha team in the knockout tournament.

It is hoped to run a plate competition as consolation to those units who have been removed so early from the fray, and details will be given at an early date.

On Boxing Day the Army

hosts the HK Cricket Club in a triangular match at the Chater Road ground. The Army team will be: Majors French-Blake, Howard-Dobson and Williams; Captains Boddy and Avery; Lieutens Gibson-Hope

and Jones; and Stan Matthews.

Finney, who has already

played on both wings and at centre-forward for England, was sounded.

He was quite willing to try yet another forward position.

England's match strategy depends on an inside-forward general of the Carter-Mannion-Hagan mould.

Johnny Haynes looked the perfect answer, but the Fulham star's recent spate of injuries makes it vital for England to have another ball-player to tap.

Forget any stories about Scottish international Jimmy Scoular leaving Newcastle.

Jimmy, after a long talk with Stan Seymour, has decided that his soccer future is with Newcastle.

"I am 30 and confident that I can hold my team place for some years. Even if the challenge is tough I feel fit enough for it," he says.

Bad news for Aldershot and Southport, who hoped to get Scoular as player-coach.

Aldershot may now switch to John Evans, former Charlton inside man, now on Liverpool's growing "for sale" list.

Sheffield Wednesday are still in the market for a goalkeeper.

The man they want is still Sheffield United's Ted Burgh but the clubs cannot agree on price.

SPECIAL WAYS

Wolves have their own special ways of pepping up their young players. Right-winger Harry Hooper went through a highly concentrated and successful coaching course to give him speed and goal-punch down the wing.

Now Wolves have slimmed goalkeeper Malcolm Finlayson back to form.

Finlayson, who cost £5,000 from Millwall in August, was over 14st. when he joined Wolves. Now, with hard training, he has sweated down to 12st. 6lb. and is playing all the better for it.

Don't expect Arsenal to make any snap decision on that transfer request from Vic Groves, their England "B" forward.

I am told that the directors will discuss the request at their next meeting, for which no date has been fixed.

If there is a rush of offers, however, Arsenal, with only five directors, can settle the matter with a few telephone calls.

REGULAR REPORTS

Eric team selectors have asked Millwall to give them regular reports on centre-half Charlie Hurley, now recovering from a knee injury at a northern Army rehabilitation centre. He is wanted for the World Cup games with England in May.

Hurley has been ordered to rest from competitive football for three weeks. No operation

is so rightly named as they was good enough for grandfather is good enough for them.

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SINGAPORE ATTACK



Singapore (dark shirts) on the attack in the hockey match against Afghanistan at the Olympic Games. Singapore won 5-0. — Express Photo.

SPORTS VIEWPOINT

Eric Nicholls Discusses The Dithering FA And The Small-Minded League

Britain's long-suffering soccer fans have been smacked in the eye again. For the Dear Old Souls of the Football Association have "emphatically rejected" one substitute for one injured player at any time during matches played under knock-out rules or in Home internationals.

Sir Stanley Rous, go-ahead Secretary of the English FA, intimates the change of rule would be favourably considered. Team manager Walter Winterbottom has often described the need for substitutes in games other than in the World Cup.

But the FA Council, as they was so often done in the past, stick to the theory that what was good enough for grandfather is good enough for them.

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DIRECT SNUB

By far the most disturbing factor about the decision is the direct snub it offers to the ordinary man in the street, the chap who pays his entrance fee, who is the life-blood of the game.

Mr Fan goes to Wembley to watch an international. But despite the good money he pays for the privilege, he doesn't seem to matter a hoot in the eyes of the Football Association.

The list of refugee athletes to the US under the parole provisions of the McCarran-Walter Immigration law. This means special legislation would be necessary for them to become US citizens. — United Press.

NOT RETURNING

Vienna, Dec. 18. Thirty-eight Hungarian athletes and 10 trainers have not returned to their own country following the Olympic Games in Melbourne.

The list of refugee athletes and trainers is:

Athletics: Oiga Gyarmati, Laszlo Tabori, Sandor Rozenvay, Janos Somogyi, Geza Varnadi, Mihaly Igoli, Wrestling Bela Galantai.

Rowing: Robert Zinonyi and the trainer, Toerock.

Kayaks: Istvan Hernec and Zoltan Szigeti.

Diving: Ferenc Slak, Jozsef Gercsak and the trainer, Papp.

Boxing: The trainer, Kovacs. Modern Pentathlon: Antal Modlich.

Gymnastics: Takacs and Misses Anes Keleti, Korondi, Kertesz, Bodo, Nagy.

Swimming: Sandor Zaborsky, Gyula Boday, Jeno Atas, Laszlo Magyar, Misses Pajos, Valeria Gyenge, Katafia Szoke, Eva Szekely, Zsuzsa Dorboegh, and the trainers, Grof and Gergely.

Fencing: Sakimneoglu, Kereczi, Miss Lidia Doenoky and the trainers, Jekel, Lussy and Barbian.

Water polo: Gyorgy Karpati, Ervin Zador, Laszlo Jened, Miklos Martin, Donjan and the trainer Madori. — Franco-Press.

The side which is managed by the Lancashire secretary, Mr Geoffrey Howard, leaves London by air on December 27 and will return on January 11.

The matches will be played against representative Indian sides at Calcutta and Bombay.

The players who have accepted invitations are: W. J. Edrich (Middlesex), R. T. Simpson (Nottinghamshire), W. Watson and F. S. Truman (Yorkshire), T. W. Gravener (Gloucestershire), A. Wharton (Lancashire), A. V. Bedes (Surrey), A. E. Moss (Middlesex), and four Australians, B. Dooland (Victoria), G. Tribe (Northants), C. L. McCool (Somerset) and L. Livingston (Northamptonshire). — Franco-Press.

Papp was among the party of Hungarian Olympic athletes who arrived in Budapest by train from Yugoslavia today, back from the Games at Melbourne.

The Hungarian boxer made Olympic boxing history at Melbourne when he won the light-middleweight title after having triumphed in the same category at Helsinki in 1952 and in the middleweight class in London in 1948.

He said today, as he got off from the train: "I consider that I have done my duty as an amateur and cannot get any further in this category."

He said he had turned down a \$100,000 contract in Melbourne because he wanted to return to his family; his mother, wife and son.

"I am now considering obtaining official permission to leave the country in order to follow a professional career abroad for about two years," he said.

"After that I intend returning to Budapest and finding a job as a trainer." — Franco-Press.

KCC To Farewell Bob Jenner

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club are reminded that a farewell presentation will be made in the clubhouse at 6.30 p.m. on Friday to the club's popular sportsman, Bob Jenner, who is leaving the Colony on Sunday next. During his stay in Hongkong, Bob Jenner has been a prominent member of the KCC First Eleven and has also served on the General Committee.

IOC MEMBER SAYS . . .**Bad Roads Should Not Bar Tokyo From Staging The Olympic Games**

Tokyo, Dec. 18. Bad roads should not bar Tokyo from staging the Olympic Games, a leading member of the International Olympic Committee said on Monday night before leaving Japan.

Mr Eric von Frenckell, IOC member who was Chairman of the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games Organizing Committee, said rejection of any city's application for the Games purely because of its poor roads would run counter to the Olympic spirit.

He said an earnest desire of the people concerned to organize the Games was "more important" than roads.

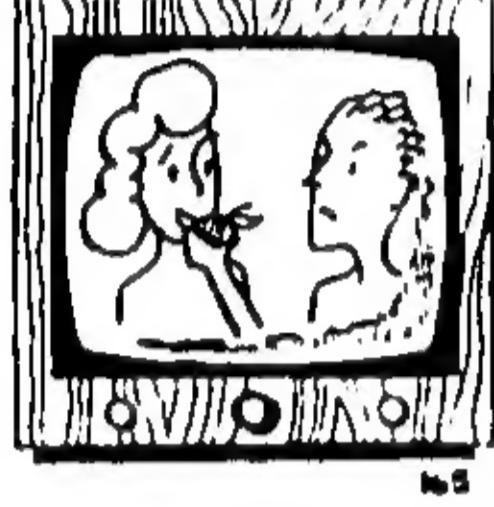
The English sports leader, who arrived last Thursday from Melbourne, departed by plane on Monday night for Hongkong. He will visit Peking and Moscow en route to Helsinki. He spent the past four days inspecting sports facilities in Tokyo.

He expressed satisfaction at the plans for enlargement of the present facilities at the Meiji Shrine ground and pledged his support to bring the Games to Tokyo in 1964.

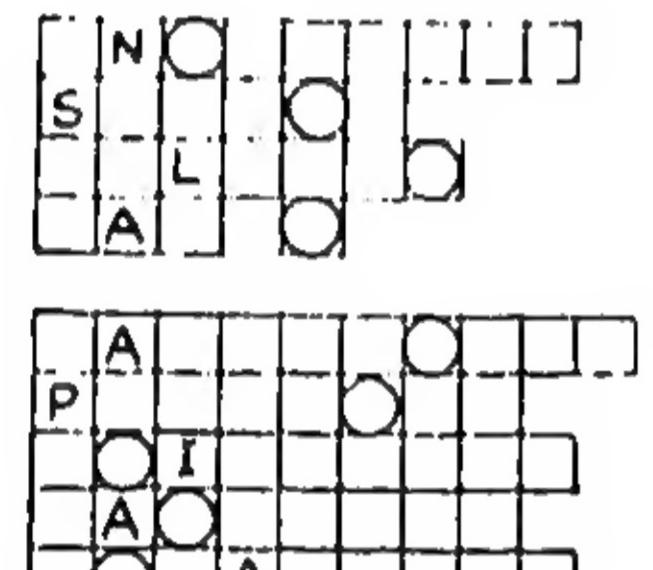
AN INVESTMENT "Staging of the Olympic Games will cost a large sum of

money," said Mr Frenckell. "But it should be regarded as an investment for public welfare. The Olympic Village can be turned into homes. Even if a large fleet of buses is purchased for Olympic use, these can be diverted into public use. Enlargement and improvements to the stadiums and sports facilities will not be a waste for they will reward to better health."

"I see no reason why the government or Tokyo municipality should be reluctant to provide funds for preparation of facilities to stage the Olympic Games," said Mr Frenckell. —United Press.

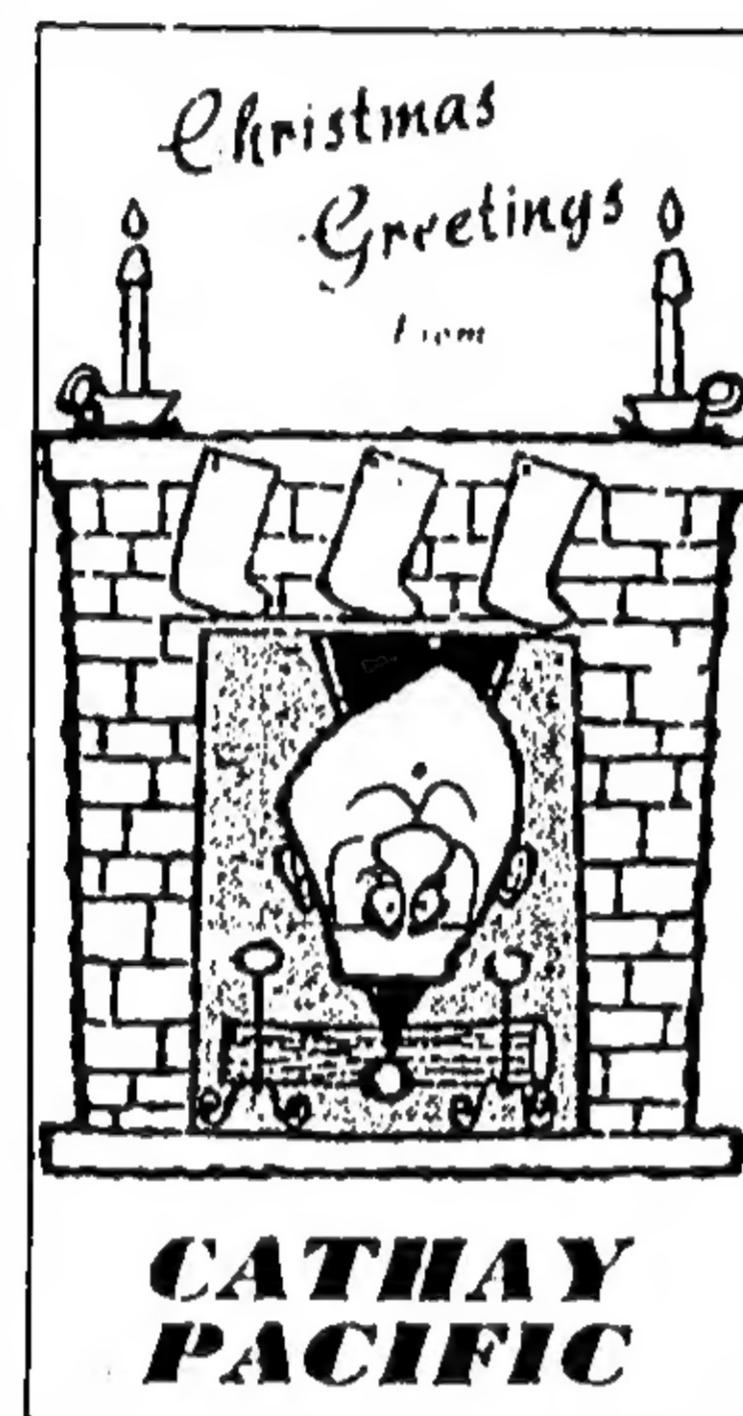
**NAMESAKES**

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



- 1 Gravestone
- 2 Strong man
- 3 Deceiver
- 4 Old Nick
- 5 At Westminster
- 6 Lost or regained
- 7 Of a bat or a mole?
- 8 Birth
- 9 The King's supporters
- 10 Found again

Solution on Page 9

*Christmas Greetings*

CATHAY PACIFIC

HE'LL FIGHT ANY MAN IN THE WORLD

Bobby Neill...The Boxer Who's Indestructible

By SYDNEY HULLS

PORTRAIT OF THE NEXT CHAMPION

Bobby Neill, black-haired Champion of Scotland and inevitably the next Featherweight Champion of Great Britain, too, is ready and eager now to fight any man in the world at 9st.

Neill, brown-eyed, 5ft. 6½ ins. tall and weighing just 9st. 1½ lb. as he walks to and from his accountant's job, told me so as we sat in his office just off London's busy Tottenham Court Road.

This was no big-headed boast. This was no boar-hound challenge of the up-turned glass on a frothy counter to the accompaniment of John L. Sullivan's legendary throat: "I can beat any man in the house."

Neill says: "I feel so strong at nine stone I am confident I can give any man in the world a good fight at that weight."

"With only 15 professional fights under my belt I can't promise to beat everybody, but I'm willing to try, and I certainly won't go in the ring thinking I'm going to be beaten."

BOXING REVOLUTION . . .

This is BOBBY NEILL, second son of 58-year-old Andrew Neill, who runs a one-man duplicating business in Edinburgh, and his wife Sadie.

BOBBY NEILL, whose elder brother, 28-year-old Frank, lives with him in a Maldon Hill house in West London and accompanies the champion to all his fights.

BOBBY NEILL, whose younger brother Andrew, 19, has been an amateur boxer and, this year, came within one stroke of representing Scotland in an international match as an amateur boxer.

BOBBY NEILL, whose sisters, Myra, 17, and Marcella, five, treat him with the affectionate contempt all sisters have for their brothers.

There is another Bobby Neill too. The man who was an amateur boxer, suffered a severe injury in a road crash, and then thought deeply about the right way to fight during the long months he was in a hospital bed.

This is the Neill who may bring about a revolution in boxing as Britain knows it. For during those long months in a white-blanketed cot Neill planned the way he was to fight and became the best featherweight in the world.

STYLE STUDENT While Neill was in a plaster cast he thought about the straight-up British style of boxing and discarded it.

He will tell you impressively that the straight left is through and the American jab is by far the better replacement.

"It's far easier to hook after a jab," says Neill and demonstrates very plainly that it is so.



Bobby Neill . . . pride of Scotland.

Neill wants to fight them more than anything else in the world. "I want to learn more and more—and there are so few opportunities," Neill remarks wryly.

Strength of mind and body is another great reason for Neill's confidence in his own approaching success. He loves fighting.

He points out ruefully that sparring every day and the body punching he puts into his work give him a strained left elbow, and yet with the pain of that handicap he still goes in night after night punching away with his left.

Why? "Because," says Neill with a bashful grin, "when I get into the ring whether it's for sparring or fighting I feel indestructible. I don't feel any pain until it is all over."

That is the battling make-up that should take Bobby Neill to a fight for the Featherweight Championship of the World.

Too Much Football For The Babes?

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

Those eager young "Babes" of Manchester United are in the middle of the toughest, most nerve-tugging season any club have had to face in soccer history. As champions they are fair game for all the other League clubs. They have to fit in two-leg European Cup ties—and they fancy their chances in the FA Cup.

Are they getting too much football? I say no. Young players cannot get too much of the ball. It sharpens them, gives them the edge and keenness that makes champions.

Matt Busby's European Cup bid was not looked on with favour by the League bosses, but I think he will be proved right in the end.

His young players are meeting the world's best footballers and the world's best teams—in competitive, not exhibition games.

"Whether we win or lose doesn't matter," Matt Busby told me. "What does count is the vast experience being gained by our players."

Australia's Rugger Team To Meet France

Paris, Dec. 18.

Australia's team to meet France in the second Rugby League Test, to be played at Bordeaux next Sunday, was announced here tonight as follows:

G. Clifford (New South Wales); D. Flannery (Queensland); A. Watson (Queensland); R. Poole (New South Wales); R. Adams (New South Wales); R. Banks (Queensland); K. Holman (New South Wales); I. Doyle (New South Wales); N. Provan (New South Wales); R. O'Shea (New South Wales); R. Bull (New South Wales); K. Kearney (New South Wales); captain, and B. Orrock (New South Wales).

They have shown Europe that we can breed good footballers. Their own reputation—and that of Britain—has been enhanced by reaching the quarter-finals.

Many Continental experts already quote United as favourites to win the trophy.

The winners automatically go into next year's competition, whether or not they qualify as national champions. They also have the right to stage the next final in their own country.

The Australians interrupted their British tour to play the First Test last month and won by 15-8.—China Mail Special.

REFEREES' MEETING

All members are reminded that the December meeting of the Army FA (Hongkong) Referees Association will be held at 10.15 a.m. on December 29 at the NAAFI Club, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

The European Cup can also be a financial success. Clubs take their own gates. In all games to the final. More than 118,000 saw the two games in Manchester against Anderlecht and Borussia, and United could clear the best part of £25,000 if they reach the final.

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NEW LIGHT ON COMMUNISM'S WAR IN SPAIN

Curtain Partially Lifted On Guerilla Activities

By HENRY BUCKLEY

Madrid, Dec. 18.
The veil is only now being partly lifted from the guerilla war which international communism waged in Spain from 1944 until 1952.

A new Spanish film, "Tormento," and a recent book entitled "La Lucha Contra el Maquis en Espana" (The Fight against the Maquis in Spain) by Senior Tomas Coessas, give the first picture of this struggle so far permitted to be revealed by the Spanish authorities.

Senior Coessas wrote: "The struggle of the Communists in Spain was a Korea in miniature. It was a replica of the drama of Greece, Malaya and Indo-China."

COST MILLIONS

This author is cautious about the casualties but, referring to the Teruel-Valladolid district alone, he gives the following balance for the eight-year struggle: 50 civil guards dead or wounded; 400 guerrillas dead, wounded or captured; 140 civilians dead or wounded.

Over the whole of Spain, the casualties must have run into some thousands.

Certainly the struggle cost the Spanish Government hundreds of millions of pesetas (millions of pounds sterling) for along the Pyrenees frontier alone six divisions were kept mobilised to hinder the passage of guerrillas and their equipment. And throughout Spain both police and military forces were kept in constant action.

International communism, and presumably Moscow paid the bill, must also have spent similar sums on organising and carrying out these operations over eight long years.

Spanish political exiles (mostly veteran fighters of the civil war) had taken an active part in the French resistance movement against the Germans. After the Allied landings in France of 1944, Spanish guerrilla units virtually dominated the area of the Pyrenees.

In September 1944, a column of some 2,000 well-equipped Spanish guerrillas struck across the Franco-Spanish frontier heading towards Pamplona. They were thrown back across the frontier into France by Spanish army and police, after heavy fighting and big losses. Another column invaded Spain in November of the same year through the Vall d'Aran, but initial success was also forced to retreat into France.

There were no more invasions of this kind but with the end of World War II in Europe, in May 1945, international communism organised a large-scale infiltration of guerrillas into Spain. Training schools in political thought and in guerrilla activities were set up in France. Leading Spanish Communists such as Dolores Ibárruri ("La Pasionaria"), Lister, Modesto, Uribe, came from their exile in Russia to France to direct this attempt to overthrow the Franco regime in Spain.

BRILLIANT

Experienced Spanish exiles such as Cristina Garcia Grande, who had led resistance forces in France and who had killed a German general and had a reward of £1,000,000 francs (then £10,000) offered for his capture by the Germans, filtered into Spain at the head of groups with modern equipment including radio apparatus and operators. Another leader, known as "Ricardo," carried out brilliant operations with Russian guerrillas behind the German lines during World War II.

Cristina Garcia Grande and 10 of his men were captured by the Spaniards at the end of 1945 and they were all sentenced to death after being found guilty by a court martial of killing three Spanish civil guards, a fellow Communist accused of treason, and the owner of a tavern. They were also accused of armed assault against the State Railway offices in Madrid and on a bank.

Seven of the sentences were commuted to life terms but

HAD BEEN WON

Others, among hundreds of episodes, included the following: On Christmas Day, 1946, the clandestine organ of the maquis, El Guerrillero, reported the execution by guerrilla units of Father J. D. Manos, a Galician priest, "because he had helped to execute people in 1936."

Another clandestine publication, Mundo Obrero, reported the shooting dead in July, 1947, of another priest, Father Fernandez Perez, of Santa Maria de Fabach, in Galicia, for the same reason.

Six civil guards were shot dead in January 1947, in reprisal for the execution of two guerrilla leaders, Jose Isaia Olazola and Jose Antonio Lierandi, in Madrid.

In a clash at Benibey, near Valencia, in March 1947, eight civil guards were killed and fourteen injured. Twelve guerrillas were killed.

But by 1948, the "war" had been won by the Spanish authorities and the guerrillas were in retreat, although sporadic fighting went on until 1952. General Francisco Franco's radical social legislation probably helped more than anything else to keep the Spanish masses from showing support for the guerrillas, for the number of local recruits they obtained was limited, while the bourgeoisie rallied more closely than ever round General Franco in the face of this well-organised attempt to overthrow the regime.

Another factor which told against the guerrillas organised by the Communists was the strong anti-Communist feeling in some Republican and Socialist circles within Spain, a feeling which had already divided the Republic during the Civil War.

BLACK-OUT

Some of these anti-Franco forces felt that the activities of the guerrillas discredited the Republican cause. The Anarchists organised some guerrilla groups, but the Spanish authorities estimated that 90 per cent of the guerrilla forces which operated from 1944 until 1952 were Communists.

For many years, the Spanish authorities have kept a news black-out on this small but dramatic guerrilla war which rocked Spain and is the least-known of the Communist efforts of the postwar years.

Only now are the facts of the grim struggle which raged between Government forces and maquis for eight years gradually becoming known—China Mail Special.

Stratosphere Suits Tested



As part of the preparations for the forthcoming US stratosphere high-altitude flight, pilots recently underwent a six-hour full pressure testing of the oxygen, moisture absorption and carbon dioxide systems. Picture: top shows a pilot preparing to enter the stratosphere; picture below shows two pilots wearing stratosphere kit during special pressure tests. Express Photo.

RAF Ground Staff Leaving Port Said

Nicosia, Dec. 18.

The main ground staff of the Royal Air Force personnel at Gamil airfield in Port Said this evening boarded a British troopship due to sail for Britain. An Allied communiqué announced:

About 100 RAF personnel

were involved in the evacuation.

A skeleton staff was reported to be staying behind with members of the RAF Regiment.

France-Press.

Dulles' Assurance To Moscow

(Continued from Page 1)

He said nothing had happened which would justify a reduction in the West's strength.

Apart from the hope that it would alleviate the danger of a war, Mr. Dulles was understood to have reassured the Soviet Union on East Europe to-day in the hope that this would assist the process of independence now under way.

Informed sources said that Mr. Dulles and his advisers in the State Department believed that the evolution of independent states in East Europe would be accelerated if the Soviet Union were given room to make promises.

Otherwise, if too hard-pressed, there was fear the Soviet leaders would lash out with military suppression on the independence movements which could have serious repercussions.

Our Policy Clear

The following pertinent remarks of Mr. Dulles later were authorised for direct quotation by the State Department:

"The United States has no purpose at all to turn these satellite countries into our allies, in the sense that we have no desire to surround the Soviet Union with a band of hostile states.

"We have made clear our policy in that respect in the hope of facilitating in that way an evolution—a peaceful evolution—of the satellite states toward genuine independence.

"We would have liked to have seen the evolution in a more complete and orderly way, and we are entirely prepared to make it as clear as can be that the United States has no desire to capitalise upon this situation as part of any programme of a hostile character against the Soviet Union."

Trouble Denied

London, Dec. 18.

The Bulgarian Communist Party newspaper, Rabotnicheskata Doba, today denied Greek and Turkish press reports that Soviet tanks had been called out to put down demonstrations, the Bulgarian Telegraph agency reported.

The newspaper said no disturbances whatsoever had taken place in Bulgaria.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

"Women Only," a weekly magazine introduced by Miss Mary Field, discusses films for children, "Women of the Week," Doris Day, American T. V. and Radio artiste, Poem for Christmas by Antonio Ridge, read by Uncle Dan Listener Requests presented by Marguerite, 5.45, Carol Concert from Government House by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (GPO), 6.30, Weather Report, 7, Time Signal, The News, 7.00, Commentary or Stop Press item, 7.15, Home Topics, 7.30, Letter from America by Alice Cooke; 8, Ted Heath and his Music (BBC), 8.30, "Here come the Girls," 8.45, Home News from Britain, 9.15, Wednesday Theatre, The Pistol Shot, a play for radio by Jon Mandel, White, based on a story by John Galsworthy, produced by Gary Crook for the Garrison Players; 10, Wayne King and his Orchestra; 10.30, Music of the Twentieth Century, I. Tamburini de Stael, Walter Gieseking (Piano); 10.45, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Read; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 2.30, Wednesday Concert—(Featuring the Works of Rosalind Williams); 2.45, Tell-Overture; 3, "Rosamund"; 4, Romances of the World; 4.15, Mary Clark; 4.30, Music for Christmas; 4.30, Sunday Fundamentals; 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346,

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Continental Demand For UK Gold

SOVIET BELIEVED HOLDING FOR BETTER PRICE

By SIDNEY CAMPBELL

London, Dec. 18. There has lately been some Continental demand for London gold coming from or through Switzerland. It has steadied the dollar equivalent to rather over 34.88.

The Swiss demand is modest but it clearly means that the present Russian offers of gold in Switzerland are not big enough to fill the whole market. They appear to be sizable but are not being pressed, and the Russian sellers are holding for something better than the present London price.

These resumed Russian sales of gold in Switzerland against the first transferable sterling, the first such sales for several months were first noticed around November 26. In the first half of that week they were guessed at about £1 million worth. They contributed to a run-up in transferable sterling at a time when other types of sterling and markats generally were still under severe pressure.

Continuing

Some of the latest transfers of sterling (Swiss purchase of it to pay for Russian gold) obviated the need for the British authorities to support it, thus came into last month. But it extends into this month in several ways. Russia then appeared as a supplier of gold and sold nearly £30 million worth. On this occasion too, much of it was sold for transferable sterling, but the sterling was obtained more directly and some of the gold came into the Bank of England.

End-Year Bills

The purpose of the 1953 sales was to raise money for Moscow to pay pressing end-year bills for the big imports of consumer goods following the Malenkov policy and the East Berlin riots. The current series of sales can only be more vaguely connected with recent developments in Poland and Hungary and with the shortages and hardships which are reported from many parts of the Communist world.

Moscow's credit to Poland, for example, is designed to pay for Polish purchases from Russia. It is not in sterling, though the Communist countries do sometimes use sterling for their settlements with one another.

In general, the East European countries need aid from the Central Soviet economic system instead of being able to contribute to that system. It is not surprising that Moscow is reviving this marginal additional strain by some marginal sales of gold.

Trifling

The sales are trifling in comparison with the uncondemnable guess by some German and American experts that Moscow has a gold stock worth \$7,000 million and an annual output of \$40 million.

If Moscow really has any such gold resources, the wonder is that it allowed the hardships to reach explosion point in Poland and Hungary, when it could so easily have relieved them by spending a tiny fraction of the alleged gold stock on massive imports of consumer goods.

The new regulations provide that accounts abroad, foreign securities, interests in foreign enterprises, real estate and uncalled gold must be declared. Other foreign exchange holdings acquired outside regular business transactions such as foreign notes and coins and claims against foreigners need no longer be declared, however.

Foreign exchange holdings valued at less than 1,000 Marks need not be declared at all.

The previous regulation that foreign exchange acquired by individuals or companies in West Germany had to be offered to the Central Bank for exchange into Deutsche Marks has been lifted.—China Mail Special.

NY Coffee Futures

New York, Dec. 18. Santos "B" coffee futures today closed 16 points lower to 40 points higher with sales of 117 contracts.

The "M" contract closed one to 50 points lower with sales of 98 contracts.

Spot Santos as moved up 1/5 cent to 64 cents. Santos "B" closed in 1/5 cents per lb. as follows:

Exchange Rates

The slackening rate of loan entries suggested total 1956 loan pounds may run below the proportions originally expected. This raised a question of how much "B" coffee may come on the market in greater in the form of home-delivery.

The certificated stock remained at 2,954 bags.

LOAN FOR INDIA

Washington, Dec. 18. The World Bank had decided to make a \$20,000,000 loan to the Indian Iron and Steel Company, reliable sources stated here tonight.

The loan is intended to enable the company to carry out a big expansion programme, these sources said.—France-Presse.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Dec. 18. The No. 1 raw rubber futures contract today closed unchanged with sales of two contracts.

December 36.40

The next contract closed 36.40 40 points lower with sales of 114 contracts.

Jan. 19 36.40

March 36.40

May 36.40

July 36.40

September 36.40

January 36.40

Standard contract closed unchanged to 40 points lower with 14 sales reported.

December 36.40

March 36.40

May 36.40

November 36.40

January 36.40

Bigest part of the terminal market activity centred in between-trader switching operations, and exchanges of March for physical rubber. Covering operations lifted the December No. 1, but the rest of the market was lower in company with London's decline and reflecting the continued phase in domestic factory buying interest. Spot No. 1 raw was quoted nominally at 36 1/2 cent a pound.

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EVENING UP ON WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 18. Wide irregularity marked stock trading as the approaching four-day weekend holiday began to make itself felt.

Recent attempts at rallying, reflecting the heavy backlog of favourable market news, failed to carry through as traders turned to realising and evening-up operations.

The close was higher—by 24 points in the general average—as a few strong special issues and groups bolstered the list. But prices were far below the day's best, particularly in rails where virtually all early gains were pared, leaving that group up only 23 points in its average.

The improvement, sparked early in the session by higher rates granted the carriers, brought out profit-taking and closing gains amounted only to 1/4 or 1/2 point in issues such as Baltimore & Ohio, New York Central, Pennsylvania among others.

Mainstay

Steel continued the mainstay of industrial strength but even here there were some sharp losses. Lukens, a six-point gainer on Monday, ran up another 1/4 to 5167 1/4.

Cements continued in demand in the wake of price increases. Gains ranged close to 3 points in General, Portland Oils and motors were firm for the most part.

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1/2 point.

Automobiles, 1/2 point.

Chemical, 1/2 point.

Electrical, 1/2 point.

Engineering, 1/2 point.

Food, 1/2 point.

General, 1/2 point.

Industrial, 1/2 point.

Leather, 1/2 point.

Machine, 1/2 point.

Metals, 1/2 point.

Oil, 1/2 point.

Petroleum, 1/2 point.

Rubber, 1/2 point.

Textile, 1/2 point.

Transportation, 1/2 point.

Utilities, 1/2 point.

Wool, 1/2 point.

Yard, 1/2 point.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Serenade For String

THE Galahad streak ran strong in Aubrey, and the world, he thought, was the poorer for being so short of maidens in distress and dragons to imperil them.

As he strolled through the quiet streets of Mayfair the other evening, on his way to one of his clubs, Aubrey was perhaps thinking of these things — thinking of what poor substitutes tobacco and spats can make, as a means of transport, for caparisoned chargers; of how feebly the neatest-furled umbrella and the glossiest briefcase seemed compared to a sword or a lance and a shield.

18-CARAT DISTRESS

PERHAPS he was thinking so when suddenly he came upon a maiden who looked to be in genuine 18-carat distress.

A slim, dark-haired young woman, she was, neatly dressed in tailored slacks and sitting on the doorstep of an elegant private house looking as though she had recently run the gauntlet of a half-squadron of authentic dragons.

Aubrey stopped before the girl. "Hello-hello," he said. "Anything wrong or anything?"

The pretty girl sighed in a dignified way and said something in a voice so soft that Aubrey could not catch a word of it.

CAN I HELP?

"ANYTHING I can do to help?" he asked, and to make sure, this time of hearing, he sat down on the step at the girl's side.

"String," she said.

"What?" Aubrey asked. "Have you a piece of string?"

The girl nodded. She held up a parcel that had comeadrift from its wrapping.

"Oh, I see. STRING," said Aubrey, smiling indulgently. "Sorry," he said at last, "not dragons."

STRUCK OFF COMPANY RESTORED TO THE REGISTER

Mr Justice C. W. Reece at the Supreme Court this morning granted an application by petition for the restoration to the register of a company which had been struck off and made an order in the terms of the petition.

The petition was made by Mr Kuan Ka-pack, liquidator of the Pack Yue Co. Ltd., and the Pack Yue Co. of 82, Morrison Hill Road.

The petitioners were represented by Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr P. Chan of Moen, Lau, Chan and Ko, Mr. W. K. Thompson, Deputy Registrar-General, appeared for the Attorney-General, respondent in the application.

Mr Gittins said Mr Kuan and his brother were the only two shareholders and directors of the company and the company's sole investment consisted of a piece of landhold property situated on the waterfront, and the purchase of plant and machinery on the site.

PROPER ORDER

The formal requirements having been made, Mr Gittins continued, he submitted that this was a fit and proper case for the Court's order for the restoration of this company to the register.

He said he and the Deputy Registrar-General had drafted a form of order for the Court's approval as being the proper order in this case.

Mr Thompson said the Crown had no objection to the application.

NOT COMPLETED

In 1941, it was decided to wind up the company and a notice was advertised in the Government Gazette on October 9, 1941.

It broke out two months later and the winding up was not completed. The records of the company were lost.

The liquidator and his brother were under the wrong impression that the company had been fully wound up and applied for the reconstruction of the records of the company under the Company (Reconstruction of Reconstruction) Ordinance, Mr Gittins said.

Later, the Registrar advertised in the Gazette in response to Mr Kuan and the company was struck off the register on February 17, 1956.

As the Court was aware, property of any company struck off was vested in the Crown. This was a rather valuable piece of waterfront property and the Attorney-General was served a notice to ascertain whether the Crown had any

members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange stood in silence for two minutes this morning in memory of the late Mr Ezra Abraham.

Mr Abraham, who died on Monday, was a founder of the stock broking firm of Tester and Abraham.

The funeral will take place at 5.15 p.m. today at the Jewish Cemetery.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Clem has hidden the checkerboard—I guess he expects us to spend the winter reading these magazines!"

REGULATIONS ULTRA VIRES SUBMITS COUNSEL

Closing legal submissions were given by Mr Brook Bernacchi before the Full Court this morning in an appeal by way of case stated, involving the powers of the Governor in Council relating to emergency regulations.

The Full Court comprises Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, Chief Justice; Mr Justice T. J. Gould and Mr Justice C. W. Reece.

The appellants are Li Bun, Li Nai, Chau Wal-lun, Leung Ying-kul, Cho Tung and Leung Kau.

They are represented by Mr Bernacchi, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths, of Wilkinson and Graf.

The appellants were convicted of attempting to export two Plymouth motor cars without a licence at Stanley on December 24 last year.

Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, is representing the Crown.

INTERPRETATION

Mr Bernacchi this morning replied to the arguments of the Crown. He spoke about the interpretation of the wording of the various laws and regulations concerned in the case.

He said it was the Crown's case that the Emergency Regulations Ordinance enabled an emergency regulation to be passed which could amend any enactment, whether it was passed before or after the enactment of that Ordinance.

If so, Mr Bernacchi went on, he would say that that submission of the Crown in itself clearly made the regulations ultra vires. And that was what had happened in the present case.

The emergency regulations, Counsel said, purported to amend sections, the form of which up to the date of the amendment was as a result of an Ordinance passed in 1952.

Mr Bernacchi said Mr Mayne had entirely failed to answer his submission that a regulation was not, unless specifically provided for, an instrument that created an offence and prescribed a punishment.

Mr Tong, aged 30, was a partner in the firm of Peter Mo and Co, whom he joined last year after completing law examinations in the United Kingdom. Before this he was articled to Messrs Hastings and Co in Hongkong.

He leaves a wife and two young children. The funeral takes place tomorrow at 4.30 p.m. at the International Funeral Parlour, Wan Chai.

The mere fact, he said, that power was given to make regulations did not mean that power was given to create an offence and set out a punishment.

LIMITED POWER

That was brought about by the necessity of the legislature having to pass section 15 of the Interpretation Ordinance, but the existence of section 15 supported his submission. Counsel said that a general power to make regulations, however wide it may be, was not in itself a power to create an offence.

One had to go on either to the further sections of the Ordinance itself, or to the provisions of section 15 of the Interpretation Ordinance, Mr Bernacchi said. It was a fallacy to say that one could rely on section 2 alone and ignore section 2(2)(n).

Hearing is continuing.

Death Of HK Solicitor

A Hongkong solicitor, Mr Tong Man-yue, of 24 Fort Street, North Point, died early this morning at the Queen Mary hospital after a three-week illness.

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Suspect Detained

The Police have detained a man in connection with the theft of a fountain pen from another Chinese in Nathan Road, near Nelson Street, at about 9.30 p.m. yesterday.

A cash was stolen from a Chinese waiting at the Jordan Road Ferry bus terminus at 6 a.m. yesterday. A cheque and other papers were stolen from a woman pedestrian in Shanghai Street at about 7.30 p.m. yesterday.

Radio Set Stolen

A radio set was stolen from a parked car in Bonham Road between 8.30 p.m. on Monday and 9.30 a.m. yesterday.

Shroff Sent To Prison

The Nang-lat, 26-year-old shroff, of 44, Homun Street, first floor, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on three charges of embezzlement and three of falsifying accounts.

A total of 152 additional charges of falsification against the defendant were taken into consideration by the Magistrate.

Defendant pleaded guilty to having embezzled \$80 on three occasions in November and to have falsified three receipts by destroying three receipts belonging to his employer, Messrs W. S. Wong and Co. He also admitted that he had destroyed receipts on 152 occasions between February 6 and November 28.

The prosecuting officer, in the previous hearing told the Court that the total amount of money the defendant had stolen was not known as the receipts had been destroyed, but it was estimated to be about \$20,000.

The defendant agreed to be further examined and tore up the paper on which he gave his written consent to the examination.

In cross-examination witness agreed that a person suffering from shock would show some symptoms of not being completely sober.

HIT BY CAR

Chiu Shu-yeo, a fok of the Sun Sai Fong tailor's shop, said that he was standing outside the shop on September 22 at about five minutes past eleven that night together with four others, one of whom was Wong Sck-poon.

Witness said that Wong decided to go for supper and cross the street on the pedestrian crossing. When he was about a foot away from the traffic island, Chiu said, Wong was knocked down by a car, the impact of which threw him some distance. The car stopped about ten feet from the place of impact, he said.

In cross-examination, witness said that he did not actually see the car striking Wong but heard the noise and when he looked up he saw him being thrown some distance by the car.

Hearing will continue on January 2.

In Possession Of Heroin

For unlawfully possessing 120 packages of heroin (6 grammes) without a licence granted by the Director of Medical and Health Services, Cheung Ho-sung, 30, was fined \$850 or three months' imprisonment by Mr F. X. d'Almaida at Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant, who had two previous convictions, one similar, was also bound over in \$500 for one year.

A second charge of selling dangerous drugs (heroin) was dismissed when the Prosecution offered no evidence.

Cheung was arrested on Monday when a Police party headed by a European Inspector raided a ricotta in Queen's Street.

Woman Assaulted

A Chinese woman was ascending the staircase of No. 203, Electric Road at about 9.15 a.m. yesterday when she was accosted and assaulted by a man who was in possession of a pistol.

The assailant was arrested by the Police.

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